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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, and noting comments by the Examiner in the first paragraph on page 2 of the Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, in refusing the consider various foreign documents submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 23, 2002, enclosed herewith is a renewed submission of five documents which were not considered when filed in this Information Disclosure Statement filed September 23, 2002, these documents being filed together with corresponding United States Patents for two of the five documents and partial English translations of the other three.

Specifically, submitted herewith is a copy of Japanese Patent Document No. 64-500072 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,917,556; and

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Japanese Patent Document No. 2-61064 and corresponding U.S. Patent No. 4,969,790. Also enclosed are the Japanese patent documents, and respective partial English translations, of No. 63-57734, No. 4-82841 and No. 58-95636.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified reissue application, but prior to a Final Office Action or issuance of a Notice of Allowance, or issuance of any other action closing prosecution on the merits in the above-identified application. For satisfying requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.

While various of the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by submission of corresponding U.S. patents, or by submission of partial English translations.

Moreover, for further consideration by the Examiner, enclosed is a List, on a form substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, of the documents enclosed herewith.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with each of the documents on the enclosed List. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon further examination of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to

Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 520.30414R51) and please credit
any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William I. Solomon", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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